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Dear Ms Grier,

Thank you very much for your past support for persons disabled by environmental sensitivities. Back ten years ago it was people like you and Elie Martel that gave us hope.

I understand you have encouraged officials to go ahead with planned efforts to address attitudinal pollution in the health care community, in part by setting up a version of the "ecological control unit" recommended by Thomson in 1985. Although it would be nice if we had reasonable accommodation in the provinsion of all health care, these initiatives will be welcomed by our members.

There is one other issue that I hope you can address. That is the ongoing horrific abuse, in Ministry of Health facilities, of persons whose CNS dysfunction is caused by environmental sensitivities. Several studies and the federal health department recommend screening patients with ambiguous symptoms for sensitivities BEFORE embarking on detrimental psychiatric treatments producing the very symptoms the patient has complained about.

As you would realize, patients being abused in this way may experience such consequences as anxiety attacks, depression, hallucinations, mood swings, learning and behaviour disabilities. I hope you can stop their abuse in provincial government facilities. They can't speak out because, as the problem is occuring because they are not screened for sensitivities, they do not know themselves who they are.

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